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**Introduced by Senator Wolk**

March 14, 2011

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Relative to Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 23, as introduced, Wolk. Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2011, as Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month to increase public awareness of neurofibromatosis and bring hope to patients and their families.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a debilitating genetic  
2 disorder of the nervous system that affects over 10,000  
3 Californians; and  
4 WHEREAS, NF causes tumors to grow throughout the body.  
5 Those suffering from NF may experience anything from mild  
6 symptoms to severe symptoms leading to death; and  
7 WHEREAS, Research has directly linked NF to disorders  
8 including cancer, brain tumors, memory loss, learning disabilities,  
9 heart disease, blindness, deafness, and orthopedic problems; and  
10 WHEREAS, Increased public knowledge of NF may bring hope  
11 to NF patients and families and support essential research; and  
12 WHEREAS, Since the discovery of the genes causing NF in the  
13 1990s, researchers have made progress in understanding NF and  
14 creating drugs to combat it; and  
15 WHEREAS, May is National Neurofibromatosis Awareness  
16 Month; now, therefore, be it

1     *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
2     *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
3     month of May 2011, as Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month to  
4     increase public awareness of neurofibromatosis and bring hope to  
5     patients and their families; and be it further

6     *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
7     this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.